

## RAILROADS SEEKING HALF CENT RAISE AS A REAL "NEED"

Representatives of Lines Operating in Indiana Tell South Benders Roads Have Lost 12 Millions in Last Year.

For the first time since a statewide movement upon the part of Indiana railroads to secure an increased passenger service rate was started, South Bend citizens in general and the Chamber of Commerce in particular were offered Wednesday night an opportunity to consider the matter at first hand.

Joseph S. Hall of Indianapolis, general passenger agent of the Lake Erie and Western railroad system, and L. A. Robinson of Cleveland, general passenger agent of the New York Central lines, were the principal speakers at a meeting of local railroad men and members of the Chamber of Commerce held last night in the chamber rooms.

The statement that Indiana railroads had lost \$12,227,369 in the fiscal year through the reduction in its mileage rate from 1907 to 1914, was the first argument hurled at the chamber members. That fact was used as the basis of Mr. Hall's talk, accompanied by other arguments of more or less force which tended to show that increased rate was a medium demanded not only by the railroads but by the business men themselves of the largest cities in the country.

Two and a Half Cents.  
The rate suggested in all talks of the evening and the one that will satisfy its exponents, according to the suggestions of last night, is one of two and one-half cents per mile. It is in general, said Mr. Hall, upon this showing that Indiana railroads, following only what can be taken as a direct suggestion from the interstate commerce commission, are planning to come before the 1915 state legislature and ask that body to repeat its act of 1907 and insert in its statute law fixing the rate at two and one-half cents per mile.

Continuing his arguments, Mr. Hall said:  
"On every hand there has been increased expense, which brought with it increased comfort and convenience for the public, but which did not add one cent to the revenue derived from passenger service. Here, in itself, was an extremely difficult condition of affairs. And when it is considered that an arbitrary reduction of 33 1/3 per cent in income was also to be contended with, the position in which the railroads now find themselves should not be surprising."

"It is a matter of common knowledge among those informed that the net earnings from passenger operation of railway lines in the United States are not sufficient to pay one per cent on the capital invested in that service."

Lost Over Twelve Millions.  
"Seventeen of the principal railroads which operate in the state of Indiana had invested in their properties during the last fiscal year, eight hundred seventy-five million, six hundred nine thousand, seven hundred thirty-five dollars. During that year their gross receipts were \$193,190,237, and operating expenses, taxes and interest were \$175,417,706. The net loss was \$12,227,369."

"Here, in this loss of more than twelve millions of dollars in one year, is the condition which has resulted from reduced income and higher costs. The railroads are not asking that the rate be restored to three cents a mile. We are asking merely for a partial restoration."

"It is a fact that the railroads are the biggest buyers of supplies in the United States, and their welfare is therefore closely related to the public welfare. It is obvious that forced by reduced revenues and increased expenses, the railroads were forced to curtail their expenses in every possible way. This led naturally to the reduction in the number of employees, to the purchasing of supplies in smaller quantities, in fact to the suspension of every activity not indispensable to actual service. Thus, unwillingly, the railroads have seen their own difficulties extended into other fields of business and industry, the effect being unquestionably to contribute measurably to the general condition of business depression."

Would Keep Business.  
"Any step therefore which will permit the railroads to renew and increase their activities, seems to assure definite progress in restoring business to a better basis."  
Other men who were present at the meeting were F. P. Millsbaugh of St. Louis, assistant general passenger agent of the Vandallia lines; J. D. McDonald of Chicago, assistant passenger agent of the Vandallia lines; D. McDonald of Chicago, general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk; L. W. Landman, general passenger agent of the Michigan lines; and Frank Wilson, general superintendent of the New York Central lines.

Favor Proposition.  
Upon the subject of increased rates, local men who spoke declared themselves favorable to the project. D. L. Guilfoyle of the Standard Oil Co., asked that the Chamber of Commerce take immediate action in the matter asserting that local industry and trade as a whole would in the end be benefited by the change demanded in the legislative acts of the state.

C. D. Emmons treated the subject similarly as did George A. Robertson. Mayor Fred Keller arrived late but made a short talk in which he stated that the local chamber was capable of handling the matter to the best interest of the city, and that he hoped it would take early action in the matter. Others expressed themselves in a similar manner.

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## GREAT ARMY IN CAMP AROUND PYRAMIDS

Soldiers From All Climes Stationed Near Sphinx Have Good Time.

CAIRO, Jan. 7.—If one goes out to the great pyramid of Gizeh these days he sees a most astonishing sight. The sides of the enormous mass of stone, which is 430 feet high, are covered with soldiers in khaki. Up and down they pour in a constant rivulet of soldiery. There is a lot of horse play among them, and once in a while one gets a bad fall, for the ascent is somewhat hazardous. On the top, perhaps 200 men are gathered, enjoying the wonderful view in the clear Egyptian atmosphere. Still, others are exploring the airshaft in the interior.

Here among the pyramids of the Pharaohs is stationed the largest infantry force ever transported across the sea in the history of the world. The Sphinx looks down on troops from Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Hindustan and Tasmania, while there is a large number of Egyptian soldiers also quartered here. The soldiers are enjoying themselves thoroughly.

The great camp is situated in the desert just in the rear of the house of the King Menes. In the vicinity Harvard university is conducting excavations.

The men exercise their horses in the desert, romping around the pyramids and the Sphinx. This it will be remembered, is one of the battlefields of Napoleon Bonaparte. The different contingents have different towns of their own. Here for instance, is Queensland, there, Victoria, and at Heliopolis, a suburb of Cairo, New Zealand.

Arabs Make Money.  
A woman's organization has given all the New Zealanders warm clothing and a testament each. The various races of Egypt are flocking in great numbers to see the sights. Their camels and donkeys mingle with the automobiles, motorcycles and gun carriages. The forces have brought a large number of mascots which include dogs, wallabies, kangaroos, monkeys, laughing jackasses, parakeets and even one Tasmanian devil.

The men seem to be in excellent condition. The Australians have brought with them a large quantity of frozen meat which they are consuming.

All classes are represented. There are lawyers, ranchers, gold miners, stock brokers, seafaring men and farmers. Among the New Zealanders are several Maoris, and these are subjects of curiosity. The Arabs, versed in the methods of extracting money from the pockets of tourists, are doing great business with the soldiers.

At least a thousand fighters can show you a ring positively won by Pharaoh's daughter, the one that rescued little Moses from the bullrushes, and one man has the original basket, at least he paid a good round price for it.

The camp is being rapidly vacated as the soldiers are judged fit for the front and depart to fight the Turks or other enemies of the allies.

FIVE POINTS.  
Chloral and Chester Hummer, who have been visiting their uncle, Ernest Hummer and family, have returned to their home at Knox, Ind.

Mrs. Edward W. Frick and son Lawrence of Grand View spent Thursday visiting Ora Taylor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison Hawblitzel and family of North Liberty spent Sunday with her father, Walter Anderson.

Mrs. David Brown spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. William Scott, in South Bend.

Miss Lois Ransbottom of Grand View spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Miss Wilma Darkus.

Glenn Carlton was a week end guest of his aunt, Mrs. Minnie Brown and family, near Westville, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lung and children of South Bend spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Piers.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reichanader and little son Earl spent Sunday visiting in South Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clemens spent Saturday in South Bend.

Misses Anna and Esther Reichanader were South Bend visitors Saturday.

Mrs. George Hummer has returned to her home at Walkerton after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Palmeter.

## Spends Year Among Head Hunters



MRS. LORILLARD SPENCER.

NEW YORK.—After a year spent in the mountain strongholds of the head-hunting Moros of Jolo, where no woman had ever penetrated before, Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, philanthropist and society woman of New York, has arrived in San Francisco en route to New York. She is accompanied by her companion, Miss Katherine Buffum.

"The only real danger," said Mrs. Spencer, "was in reaching the Moro country. We were forced to ride horseback for many miles through the jungle. We forded swift running streams and climbed steep mountains, guided by a native in whom we had none too much confidence. Snakes hissed at us from the heavy undergrowth." Mrs. Spencer failed to find the Moros, the blood-thirsty savages they had been painted.

Raymond Holston spent the week visiting his sister, Mrs. Glenn West, at Nutwood.

Services Sunday at Monson chapel will be as follows: Sunday school at 10 o'clock; Epworth league at 6 o'clock; preaching services at 7 o'clock. Rev. Claude Young, pastor.

OLIVE BRANCH.  
Howard Hardy of South Bend visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shuppert last week.

Miss Arville Shuppert of South Bend visited with her sister, Mrs. James Workman, the past week.

Lester and Jerrel Royce are suffering with the mumps.

John Watkins spent the week end with Lee Watkins and family.

Mrs. J. D. Kreiger and daughter Esther returned from Monon, Ind., Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Watkins died Jan. 3. Her funeral was held from the Olive Branch church Wednesday at 11 o'clock. She was 60 years old and had lived in this vicinity all her life.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kreiger and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Geyer.

William Riddle of South Bend remains seriously ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. O. Garrett.

John Doering of Wakarusa was here on business Tuesday of this week.

School begun Monday after a week's vacation.

Alva Hummer and family spent Sunday with friends in South Bend.

John Kras of South Bend spent Sunday with friends at this place.

MASONIC.  
Called meeting of South Bend lodge, No. 294, F. and A. M., Friday evening, Jan. 8, at 7:30. E. A. degree. Visiting brethren fraternally invited.

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